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CLAIMS:

1. An air-bag unit adapted to be positioned on the floor pan of a motor vehicle in the foot-well to be located beneath the ^{Nc A}feet of an occupant of the vehicle, the air-bag unit having a substantially sealed damp-proof housing containing an air-bag, the housing having a substantially rigid upper cover, the unit being such that on inflation of the air-bag the cover of the housing is lifted, from ~~its~~^{an} initial position to an elevated position, characterised^z in that the cover (8) of the housing (2) is secured to the ~~base~~^{NA} (4) of the housing (2), the cover (8) being adapted to be separated from the base (4) of the housing (2) on inflation of the air-bag (11).
2. A unit according to Claim 1 characterised^z in that the cover (8) is sonic-welded to the base (4) of the housing (2).
3. An air-bag unit adapted to be positioned on the floor pan of a motor vehicle in the foot-well to be located beneath the feet of an occupant of the vehicle, the air-bag unit having a substantially sealed damp-proof housing containing an air-bag, the housing having a substantially rigid upper cover, the unit being such that on inflation of the air-bag the cover of the housing is lifted from ~~its~~ initial position to an elevated position, characterised^z in that the cover (8) is secured to a base part of the housing (2) by means of a deformable side wall (5).
4. A unit according to Claim 3 characterised in that the side wall (5) is a concertina~~style~~ side wall (22).

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5. A unit according to any one of the preceding Claims characterised in that the housing (2) is provided with mounting means (7) to mount the unit (1) in position.
6. A unit according to any one of the preceding Claims characterised in that the air-bag (11) comprises two super-imposed layers of fabric, the layers being secured together to define a plurality of discrete cells (16).
7. A unit according to Claim 6 characterised in that the cells (16) comprise a plurality of substantially parallel cells which are substantially cylindrical when inflated.
8. A unit according to Claim 6 characterised in that the cells (16) comprise a plurality of cells configured so that on inflation of the cells one end of each cell has a greater diameter than the other end of the cell.
9. A unit according to Claim 8 characterised in that the cells (16) are substantially triangular.
10. A unit according to any one of the preceding Claims characterised in that the air-bag (11) is provided with a gas supply tube (13) adapted to be connected to a gas generator (14).
11. A unit according to Claim 10 in combination with a gas generator connected to the gas supply tube, characterised in that the gas generator (14) being associated with a sensor adapted to respond to an impact.

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6,36 12. A unit according to any one of Claims 1 to 9 characterised in that a gas generator (14) is provided within the housing (2) to provide gas to inflate the air-bag (11).

6,36 13. A unit according to Claim 12 characterised in that electrical connection means are provided to enable means supplying a signal adapted to initiate inflation of the air-bag (11) to be connected to the gas generator (14).

14. A unit according to any one of the preceding Claims characterised in that the unit (1) has a substantially rigid base (4).
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15. A unit according to Claim 14 characterised in that the base (4) has a deformable peripheral region (32), a terminal lip (33) of the peripheral region being secured to the cover (8).
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